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Applicants hereby submit the above papers in response to the Official Action mailed July 27, 2005 and having a three-month statutory period for response.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(e), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449.

No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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